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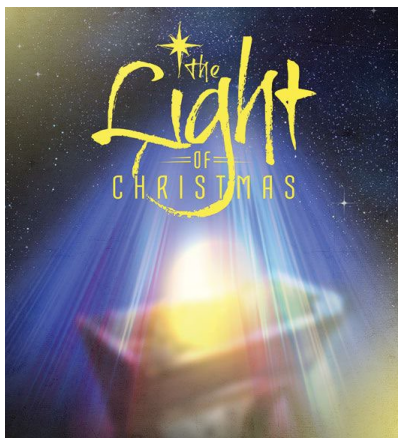
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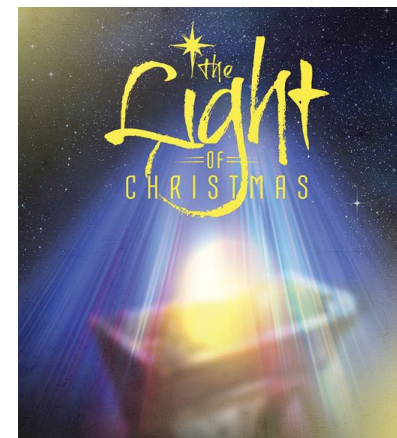
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December 28, 2025

11:00 AM

1st Sunday after Christmas

WELCOME

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church! Today we celebrate that Light has come to us in the birth of the Christ Child. Light has come and it has erased the darkness. Now we can walk and work in the light of Christ. We are loved by God and called to God's service. May this time of worship be meaningful to all as we glorify God together!

THE PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice! Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas!

Christ our Savior is born!

God's Light is poured into the world.

O Come, let us celebrate this wonderful gift.

Let us praise God with shouts of joy and singing!

*HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

UMH No. 234

OPENING PRAYER

The celebration of Christmas has just begun. You, Loving God, have wrapped the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, around our lives. The light of your love through him is shining brightly. It is a multitude of bright colors that remind us of the wondrous ways you love us. Open our hearts and spirits as we hear the words of your holy scriptures and sing our hymns of praise. We pray in the name of the Christ Child, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 52:7-10

Here, the prophet Isaiah speaks of messengers bringing good news to Zion. This imagery of messengers with beautiful feet on the mountains is striking. It reflects the beauty of the message they carry – a message of peace, salvation, and the reign of God. This echoes the theme of redemption and restoration that runs through the Bible.

HYMN

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

UMH No. 218

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-14

This text is about the eternal existence of Jesus as the Word of God, who became flesh and dwelt among us, revealing God's glory and grace through His incarnation.

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“What Child Is This”

UMH No. 219

SERMON

“God is Here!”

Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

UMH No. 230

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology

“What Gift Can We Bring”

UMH No. 87

**This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day.
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!**

*Prayer of Dedication

King of Kings, we join the angels in singing your unending praise. You alone created the universe. We present these gifts knowing that they will be transformed into ministries of Good News. Bless this offering so our giving honors your glory. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

UMH No. 246

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE